QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR MINK TO BE IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- 1. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall be responsible for the quarantine and inspection procedures for the mink to be exported, and for the issuance of the health certificate for the mink to be exported.
- 2. The Chinese side may send veterinarians to the farms of origin of the mink to be exported, to the related isolation premises, to the testing laboratories, and to the quarantine facilities, to cooperate with U.S. veterinarians in conducting inspections and quarantine.
- 3. The mink to be exported shall be clinically examined within 24 hours of exportation, and found to be healthy and free of signs of infectious and contagious diseases.
- 4. The exporting farm will have the following qualifications:
 - 4.1 During the past 3 years there has been no pseudorabies and no tuberculosis (TB) on slaughter reports.
 - 4.2 During the past 12 months there have been no clinical cases reported of viral enteritis of mink, Aleutian disease of mink, canine distemper, and Asphyxia Sublis Lutreolarum (suffocation of young mink).
- 5. Prior to export, the animals will be isolated for 30 days on premises approved by the USDA. During export isolation, all animals will be examined and found free of clinical signs of infectious disease. All animals will be tested for the following diseases and found negative:
 - 5.1 Aleutian Disease of mink using the CIEP test.
- 6. Upon clinical examination, the animals should be found healthy with no clinical signs of botulism type c, canine distemper, and viral enteritis. All animals shall be vaccinated against botulism type c, canine distemper, and 2 viral enteritis. The certificate must note the date of vaccination, amount given, kinds, expiration date, and manufacturer.
- 7. During the isolation period, treatment for external and internal parasites will be given using products approved by the USDA, and under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian.

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8. All crates, vehicles, ships or aircraft to be used for transportation shall be cleaned, disinfected, and treated with products approved by the USDA.

- 9. The animals exported shall be accompanied by a U.S. origin health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a USDA veterinarian, showing the results of clinical examination and tests, the names and dosages of products used against parasites, and for disinfection with the dates and places of use.
- 10. Feed, concentrates, and bedding to be used during quarantine and transportation shall be from disease-free areas and shall meet applicable veterinary and health requirements.
- 11. The animals exported shall not come in contact with animals not of the same consignment, and shall not be transported through areas of serious epizootic disease.
- 12. Subject to the agreement of the Governments of China and the United States, amendments of this agreement and the resulting certificates can be made at any time. This agreement is done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, both being equally authentic.